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1. FOLLOWING IS RELEVANT PORTION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' REPLY (AIRMAILED JUNE 30) TO LETTER FROM TERESA GONZALES OF EL PUEBLO, CALI: "UNFORTUNATELY IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO PARTICIPATE, BUT PERHAPS SOME OTHER FORM OF COMMUNICATION CAN BE ARRANGED. SINCE TIME IS SHORT, I HAVE ASKED USIS/BOGOTA TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES AND ADVISE ME BY TELEGRAM."

2. WE PREFER USE BY EL PUEBLO OF FOLLOWING STATEMENT AS SPECIAL MESSAGE OF GREETING FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS RATHER THAN AS RESPONSE TO SUGGESTED QUESTIONNAIRE. BELIEVE THIS FORMAT MORE APPROPRIATE TO BICENTENNIAL OCCASION. TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

"I AM HAPPY TO EXTEND WARM GREETINGS TO EL PUEBLO AND ITS READERS THROUGH THIS SPECIAL EDITION HONORING MY COUNTRY AS WE CELEBRATE 200 YEARS AS A FREE NATION.

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"CENTURIES OLDER THAN THE UNITED STATES IS THE AMERICAN DREAM WHICH MOTIVATED YOUR FOREFATHERS AND MINE TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN THIS HEMISPHERE. THEY WERE PURSUING THE CHANCE TO LIVE AND PROSPER IN A FREEDOM PROMISED BY THE

FRONTIER OF A NEW WORLD.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE FOR THE AMERICAS IS OF A WHOLLY DIFFERENT NATURE. IT IS PRESENTED BY A NEW INTERDEPENDENCE, WHICH IS GLOBAL AS WELL AS HEMISPHERIC, LINKING DEVELOPED WITH LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BOTH IN AND BEYOND THE HEMISPHERE. WE SEE THIS BOTH AS A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EFFECTIVE INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION TO ADVANCE OUR TRADITIONAL HEMISPHERIC GOALS OF PEACE AND PROGRESS WHILE STRENGTHENING THE GLOBAL COOPERATION DECREED BY OUR WORLD.

"SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HAVE ARISEN RECENTLY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA ARE THEMSELVES BY-PRODUCTS OF THIS INTERDEPENDENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, TRADE, COMMODITIES AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS HAVE GLOBAL DIMENSIONS THAT CANNOT BE DEALT WITH IN ISOLATION FROM THE WORLD BEYOND OUR HEMISPHERE. IT IS FOR THESE REASONS THAT AWARENESS OF THE NEW INTERDEPENDENCE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS IS AT THE CENTER OF U.S. POLICY.

"FOR OUR PART, WE REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA IN WHICH SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, NONINTERVENTION AND MUTUAL RESPECT ARE CARDINAL ELEMENTS. THESE PRINCIPLES UNDERLIE THE U.S. APPROACH TO IMPORTANT MUTUAL CONCERNS SUCH AS ECONOMIC RELATIONS, CUBA, THE PANAMA CANAL AND HEMISPHERIC DEVELOPMENT WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER OUTLINED THIS SPRING IN HIS SPEECH IN HOUSTON.

"WE SEE THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA AS HAVING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLES IN BOTH THE INDUSTRIALIZED AND THE DEVELOPING WORLDS. ACCORDINGLY, WE HOPE THEY TAKE UPON THEMSELVES MUCH OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRIDGING THESE TWO WORLDS BY ENCOURAGING EFFORTS TO REACH ACCOMMODATION.

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"OUR COMMON TASK IS TO LEARN TO WORK TOGETHER COOPERATIVELY AND CREATIVELY. IF WE CAN DO THAT, WE CAN COMBINE THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEMISPHERE, AND SEIZE WHAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS CALLED "THE OPPORTUNITY WE NOW HAVE TO MAKE INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION A PILLAR OF THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY OUR ERA DEMANDS." SISCO

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